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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MITCHELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 24, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HARRY E. MITCHELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Rev. Kurt Gerhard, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

O Lord our God, creator and sustainer of all nations and people,

On this day, bless the Members of this House with anger at the injustice, oppression and exploitation of people so that they can work for justice, freedom and peace.

Bless them with enough foolishness to believe that they can make a difference in the world so that they can do what others claim is impossible.

Bless them with the humility to know that they can be wrong so that they can respect the perspectives of others.

Bless them with frustration with the way things are so that they will be motivated to create new solutions.

Send Your Spirit of courage and understanding upon each Member of this 111th Congress so that they will hold fast that which is true and serve these United States of America with glory and honor.

We ask this all in Your Holy Name.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BURGESS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING REV. KURT GERHARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Father Kurt Gerhard of Washington, DC, for serving as the guest chaplain today for the House of Representatives.

In April of this year, Father Gerhard was installed as the eighth rector of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, which is located in northwest Washington, DC, on Whitehaven Parkway. He recently relocated from my home State of Texas, where he served as senior chaplain at St. Andrew's Episcopal School and in the clergy at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, both located in Austin, Texas.

Father Gerhard is a native of Nebraska, where he earned a degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He went on to earn a Master of Divinity from the Seminary of the Southwest and a Doctor of Ministry from the Virginia Theological Seminary.

On behalf of every Member of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, I want to thank Father Gerhard for his work on behalf of our community here in Washington, DC, and for his invocation before our House here today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, September 28, 2010, at 10:30 a.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

9615. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Baron Hilton Fireworks Display, San Francisco Bay, CA [COTP San Francisco Bay 06-025] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received August 19, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9616. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; City of Antioch Fireworks Display, San Francisco Bay, CA [COTP San Francisco Bay 06-026] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received August 19, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9617. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Peninsula Celebration Fireworks Display, San Francisco Bay, CA [COTP San Francisco Bay 06-027] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received August 19, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

9618. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety

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